

*The Hireling and the Shepherd.*—Another contrast is the hireling and the Shepherd. The hireling is not a thief but nevertheless, he does not care for the sheep. He cares for his wages. When danger (the wolf) comes he thinks first of his own safety. But the Shepherd thinks first of the safety of his sheep. "I am the good Shepherd," said Jesus. And how true it is. He loves us better than any earthly friend. Why, then, don't we trust him more and believe him?

*Jesus Knows His Sheep.*—"I know my sheep." Does he know you? Has he ever talked with you by his Spirit or by his Word? Or have you refused to allow him to get acquainted with you?

*The Sheep Know Jesus.*—"And am known of mine." Do you know Jesus? That is the important question. Maybe you know about him but do you know him, are you acquainted with him? Have you ever spoken to him? Do you converse with him? That is a test. Think of it; some people have been church members for years and have never talked to Jesus! How can they claim to know him? Some people have lived in a land of Bibles for years, and yet have never so much as said, "Good morning" to Jesus. Strange!

*How much They Know Him.*—"Even as the Father knoweth me and as I know the Father." That makes the knowledge of Jesus by the disciples very close and thorough. Jesus always goes to the bottom of a subject. He desires not only that we have a speaking acquaintance with him, but that our acquaintance be as close as it is between himself and God. Yet some of us are satisfied with knowing so little about our great Shepherd that we hardly know him at all! O, when will Christians endeavor to thus know Jesus? So many of us seem not to desire a close acquaintance with him! So many out of the church seem satisfied not to even meet him! What shameful treatment! If it were McKinley or some great one of earth whose acquaintance would bring us no blessing, we should count it an honor to know him. Yet a greater than McKinley or Bryan or Queen Victoria or any earthly being and one who desires to make us happy in every sense we refuse to know! But in ourselves we must bear the recompense.

#### Lesson Applied

- 1 Climbing up some other way is not nearly so easy as going in by the door. Yet men will climb.
- 2 According to Christ's standard there are multitudes of thieves and robbers out of jail
- 3 The Shepherd always goes ahead. Hence, the sheep can follow in safety.
- 4 The sheep that knows and follows the voice of the Shepherd never gets lost.
- 5 Strange that some who are supposed to be sheep follow the stranger rather than the Shepherd.
- 6 The sheep may be few, but they hear.
- 7 Only by entering the door are men saved, have liberty and have their needs supplied.
- 8 The purpose of the thief is to destroy life, of the Shepherd to give life.
- 9 The hireling works for wages, the shepherd for love.
- 10 Knowledge of Jesus Christ is the essential to eternal life. John. 17:3.

11 One flock, one Shepherd. The flock may be Merinos, Cotswold, Oxfordshire Down or Black faced Highland, but they must be sheep, not goats or hogs or horses, and they must hear the Master's voice and know him.

J. L. GILLIN.

## Church News

### Miamisburg Gleanings

The work at Miamisburg continues at about the usual rate of speed. Regardless of the extreme heat our Sabbath-school attendance has been good, and by the earnest and faithful superintendancy of our young brother, John Hamilton, and God's co-operation with him, we expect a gradual increase in the enrollment, and a greater quantity and a still better quality of work in the future. To the superintendent who takes God as his helper, or rather who lets God take him, and who also has plenty of zeal and stamina, no hindrance can stand against him; no difficulty can obstruct his way, but he will most certainly lead his school into fields of great usefulness. Our church services are also fairly well attended. The brethren are very tolerant; they sit with commendable patience while their inexperienced pastor shoots, and shoots, and shoots. Yes they are patient. We had our communion last evening, August 9. It was our good fortune to have brother Z. T. Livengood present, who also conducted the service. Brother Livengood's ease and simplicity, combined with his real earnestness and sincerity made the meeting especially impressive. It was indeed a spiritual uplift. Our particular wishes go with Brother Livengood.

WM. BEACHLER.

### Enon, Iowa

Since the last report from this place brother Z. T. Livengood has been visiting among us and preached a very good sermon to us which we all enjoyed very much.

Our K. C. meets every Sunday eve with Austin Smith as president. It will give its semi annual social August 10. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Our Union County Sunday-school Convention meets Sunday, August 12, at Eagle Center, a small town about seven miles from Enon.

Miss Detwiler's visit while among us tho short was enjoyed very much.

The church is doing splendid thru the heat of the summer. Brother Gillin has been giving us sermons Sunday evenings on Bible characters which are very instructive.

B. E. FLICKINGER.

### Gleanings From the Wayside

The Master's field is large. While there are many gleanings yet there is room for many more. The field is ripe for the harvest. While the weather thermometer is marking nearly a hundred in the shade the Spiritual tester is only temperate in the sun. By the request of our pastor, Brother Flora, we filled the pulpit morning and evening on the fifth Sunday in July. On Saturday evening before we were called to anoint Sister Williams of the North Manchester congregation, Brother Wright assisting. Sister Williams has been suffering for some time, passing thru the valley of affliction, but like the venerable patriarch only waiting until the change come. In this solemn service she praised the Lord saying, I am now ready to go. (May we all be ready)

On Wednesday we were called to Akron to anoint our old brother Wm Rider, a member of the New Highland congregation. Brother Rider has been a long time on the way; he realizes that his pilgrimage is about ended; he has long since passed the three score and ten mile post, and has reached the 88th year. While feeble and physically weak, yet with strong faith in God he sits in his cottage door anxious for the chariot to come to convey him to the great beyond.

On returning to the village of Akron we called on Brother Miller who was so badly burned recently by a gasoline explosion. He is improving nicely. While there a message came for us to preach the fu-

neral of Mr. Henry Sansaman whose obituary will be found in another column. His wife, one son and one daughter belong to the Brethren church at Highland.

Last Sunday was our Harvest Home meeting at Poplar Grove church. Regular services in the morning. The afternoon was given to the young people. A very interesting program was arranged by sister Lizzie Garst which was entertainingly carried out, lasting two hours. They all did well. Brother Cochran rendered a fine solo. A very large audience in attendance, possibly fifteen hundred people. All seemed to enjoy the service. Time is passing, Eternity is coming.

P. S.—Brother Aaron Showalter of Missouri was with us in the morning service. Collection for Chicago mission, \$5 65.

WM. W. SUMMERS

North Manchester, Ind.

### Visit to Ashland, O.

On the 8th and 9th of July I paid my first visit to Ashland and Ashland college. I was in search of a home and a school for my own children, one in which the home training could be carried on, the building of a moral character given proper attention, and one with the best surrounding influences. I was so well pleased with the College and the people of Ashland that I cannot forbear writing you of my visit.

The glad hand of hospitality was extended immediately upon my arrival, being met at the depot by brother J. Allen Miller, who with other brothers and sisters extended every courtesy. On Sunday evening we attended the union services held in the College Chapel and listened to an excellent discourse delivered by Brother Miller. As many as six denominations united in these services without discord. Surely the Ashland type of Christianity must be the true one. Denominationalism is forgotten and no sectarianism mars the worship of the Almighty. All denominations here find a home and take part in the services.

On Monday morning we were taken thru the College building and over grounds and thru the offices of the Brethren Publishing Company. The College is out of debt and is well equipped for its work. It seemed a hive of industry and the students contented and happy. The location of the buildings is excellent, on high grounds with good drainage, free from malarial surroundings. Space will not admit of a full description of the buildings and appliances, but they will easily accommodate at least five hundred students. I was struck especially with the careful attention and supervision given the students and the determination of all connected with the College to make their surroundings as pure as the home from which they came. The home influence is recognized and utilized for all its worth in the education here given. This is the only Brethren College in the United States and its broad and liberal work should have the support of our church, especially as so many people of other denominations recognize its worth by sending their children here to be educated.

In the afternoon some of the good brothers took us over the town and we were fairly delighted with its splendid situation, paved streets, magnificent shade trees, beautiful lawns and handsome residences. Ashland is an ideal residence and college town. The people make the stranger student feel at home and make him one of them. The geniality and hospitality of its people, their social and moral worth, their interest in the College and in the student body prove that no mistake was made in the selection of this town as the location of our College. It is sufficient to say, Mr. Editor, that my decision is made as to where I shall send my children to be educated. As to the location of a home, that I have not yet decided, not that I expect to get a better location than Ashland, for any place in Ashland, (and especially near our College) are beautiful building sites that I learn can be secured very reasonable, and I think all of our brethren that can ought to locate there. I also must locate a business suitable, and I am thankful indeed to the large number of brethren who are writing me from the various sections, all of which have their peculiar advantage over the other. I shall let you know later where I locate.

J. H. GROGG.